(b) whether any proposal is under consideration to pay them some salary to facilitate them to stay in good hotels alongwith the cricketers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (c) As per information received from the National Sports Federations/Associations concerning the games of Cricket, Hockey (Men & Women), Yachting, Wrestling, Table Tennis, Equestrian, Volleyball and Golf, the National selectors in these games are not paid salary. BCCI has also informed that it pays TA/DA to selectors when they attend meetings and also when they are required to witness the matches, on the same scale as paid to other Board members. The amount is sufficient and BCCI has no complaints about its inadequacy during the last five years. BCCI has also informed that with a view to have best people on the job with due accountability, there is a proposal to convert the position of national selectors from honorary to paid which would require amendment to its Memorandum and Rules & Regulations with the support of two thirds of total members.

Fund allocation for sports

2227. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation of funds for promotion of sports, State-wise; and

(b) what is the ratio of utilization of sports grants in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years, ending on June 30, 2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) Funds are not allocated by the Government State-wise. Depending upon the receipt of viable proposals from the State Governments including Jammu & Kashmir, admissible central assistance is sanctioned.

(b) The grants released to and utilized by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir under the scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure during the last three years and the current year upto 30th June, 2003 is as under:—

Years	Grant Released	Grant Utilised
2000-01	Nil	Nil
2001-02	Rs.0.409 lakhs	Rs.0.409 lakhs
2002-03	Rs.5.02 lakhs	(UC not received)
2003-04(till 30.6.2003)	Rs. 19.50	(UC not received)

Stadia and training centres in NER

2228. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a comprehensive plan for construction of some new stadia and physical training centres in the North-Eastern Region for development of sports and youth activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the name of such schemes being implemented by Government in the region alongwith the funds granted for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) "Sports" is a State subject. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to create various sports facilities including stadium and physical training centres to promote sports at all levels. However, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this direction, central assistance is provided to State Governments/Municipal Corporations in the North-Eastern Region on 75:25 sharing basis between the Central Government and NE States for creation of various sports facilities under the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure, subject to the receipt of viable proposals from them.

(c) Funds granted to NER during the last three years under the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure is as below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Funds Granted
2000-2001	210.08
2001 -2002	247.51
2002-2003	610.04